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USLO PEKING FOR SECRETARY

E.O. 11652: GDS  
TAGS: JA, US, ASEAN  
SUBJECT: JAPAN'S CONCERN ABOUT U.S. REACTION TO FUKUDA ASEAN VISIT

1. SUMMARY. PRIME MINISTER FUKUDA WILL PROBABLY  
SEEK SECRETARY'S REACTION TO HIS ASEAN VISIT, ESPECIALLY  
WHETHER (A) AS RESULT OF TRIP JAPAN MAY SEEM TO BE  
GETTING TOO SYMPATHETIC WITH GROUP OF SOUTHERN COUNTRIES  
IN NORTH-SOUTH DIALOGUE, (B) JAPAN MAY BE SEEN BY U.S.  
AS MONOPOLIZING AREA WITH ITS ECONOMIC POWER, AND  
(C) WHETHER IT IS CLEAR THAT JAPAN HAS NO INTENTION TO  
TAKE ON THE WHOLE BURDEN OF ECONOMIC ASSISTANCE IN  
SOUTHEAST ASIA. END SUMMARY.

2. DEPUTY FOREIGN MINISTER YOSHINO CALLED IN DCM  
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AUGUST 24 FOR DEBRIEFING ON PRIME MINISTER'S ASEAN  
TRIP. HE GAVE FULL REVIEW OF BOTH KUALA LUMPUR SUMMIT  
MEETING AND PRIME MINISTER'S VISITS IN ASEAN CAPITALS  
AND RANGOON. THESE SUBJECTS BEING COVERED IN SPETEL.

3. YOSHINO CLOSED BRIEFING BY SAYING THAT AT PRESENT  
GOJ WAS MOST INTERESTED TO HAVE U.S. REACTION TO THE

FUKUDA VISIT AND TO KNOW HOW WE NOW VIEWED THE JAPAN-ASEAN RELATIONSHIP. HE SAID THAT THERE WAS SOME FEAR IN JAPAN THAT U.S. MIGHT FEEL THAT JAPAN WAS DEMONSTRATING "TOO SYMPATHETIC AN UNDERSTANDING" OF THE PROBLEMS OF AN IMPORTANT GROUP OF "SOUTH" COUNTRIES IN THE CONTINUING NORTH-SOUTH DIALOGUE. THERE IS ALSO SOME FEAR, HE SAID THAT THE AMOUNT OF JAPANESE INVESTMENT AND AID IN SEA MIGHT BE SEEN AS BEGINNING OF A JAPANESE ATTEMPT TO MONOPOLIZE THE AREA FOR ITSELF THROUGH ECONOMIC POWER. HE SAID THAT JAPAN WANTED TO BE SURE THAT WE UNDERSTOOD JAPAN HAD NO INTENTION OF TAKING ON THE WHOLE BURDEN OF ECONOMIC ASSISTANCE TO THE ASEAN STATES.

4. DCM REPLIED THAT AS PRESIDENT HAD NOTED IN MEETINGS WITH PRIME MINISTER IN MARCH AND AS SECRETARY HAD NOTED IN ASIA SOCIETY SPEECH, U.S. HAD POSITIVE ATTITUDE TOWARD JAPANESE DISPLAYS OF INTEREST IN SEA. HE SAID THAT FORTHCOMING VISITS TO TOKYO OF SECRETARY VANCE AND UNDER SECRETARY COOPER WOULD PROVIDE GOOD OPPORTUNITY FOR FURTHER STATEMENTS OF U.S. VIEWS. HE NOTED WE HAD BEEN CAUTIOUS NOT TO HAIL VISIT LAVISHLY OR TOO SOON LEST WE FEED SOUTHEAST ASIAN SUSPICIONS OF POSSIBLE U.S.-JAPAN COLLUSION AND JAPANESE ASSUMPTION OF SURROGATE ROLE.

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5. SECRETARY MAY WISH TO RESPOND IN BROAD TERMS IF FUKUDA AND/OR HATOYAMA RAISES THESE ISSUES DURING FORTHCOMING VISIT.  
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